

MINUTES:

EXECUTIVE SESSION - BOARD OF DIRECTORS - LE-HI-HO

DATE: October 19, 1976

TIME: 7:30 p.m. (1930 hrs.)

PLACE: Residence of John Sipos, Allentown, Pa.

ATTENDANCE: Board of Directors: Helmuth J. Baerwald
Rick D. Balmer
Ken P. Burke
Bill Hollabaugh
Ron Seeds
Bob Steelman

Members: Joe Burns Bob Pfenning
Michael Stambaugh
John Sipos

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was submitted to the Board for review. Operating balance indicated was \$216.14.

OPERA TRIP: Rick reported that the situation with the Opera Trip had taken on a somewhat strange twist due to the recent musician's strike. The program had been changed from "Un Ballo in Maschera" to "Madame Butterfly". A decision as to whether this trip is to become a reality is to be deferred until the general meeting this coming Sunday.

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS: Rick reported several speaking engagements for the near future, they are as follows:

October 27, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Human Sexuality Class at Whitaker Lab, Lehigh University, Room # 207. Tentative speakers: Rick, Roger, Ken, Lou and Ron.

November 17, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Pennsylvania Northeast Conference of the UCC, Jordan UCC in South Whitehall Township. Topic - Ordination of a professed gay person-Speakers to be announced.

November 22, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. - Sacred Heart Student Nurses - at the Whitehall Community Room, Whitehall Mall.

Along the lines of future speaking engagements, Ken mentioned the possibility of some of us speaking to several Psychology classes at NACAC.

SODOMY REPEAL: Ken related to us some of the discussions he has been having with members of the Governor's Council on Sexual Minorities. Specifically he spoke of activity to develop a strategy which would involve the support of local churches, NOW, and the ACLU for a new Sodomy Repeal Bill which is anticipated to be introduced into the Senate in the early part of this year. Lobby Day, which had initially been envisioned for March 1977 would have to be moved up to an earlier date should the Governor resign in favor of a cabinet post in Washington. Lobbying efforts would be concentrated on the Senate as the consensus seems to be that if the Senate were to act favorably on such a measure there would be no difficulty in pushing this legislation through the House. Ken stated that prior to the actual Lobby Day, legislative training sessions would be held - the time and place for these sessions to be announced at a later date.

1791 FOUNDATION: Ken reported the formation in Philadelphia of a group of wealthy gays, who, while wishing to remain anonymous would still like to support the gay movement. Initial support in the form of financial contributions is expected to be given to the legislative committee of the Governor's Council with grants being made available to other groups in the future.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING: Ken reported that Jimmy Kresge will be speaking (tentatively) at the next meeting about some of his experiences due to his arrest last year on charges of violating the sodomy statutes of the penal code.

NOMINATING AND ELECTION COMMITTEE: Ken announced the formation of these two committees. Its members are: Bob Pfenning, Jack Rudy, Skip Remaly.

GREETING COMMITTEE: After some discussion about the necessity of forming such a committee in view of recent correspondence and comments, Bob Pfenning motioned and was seconded by Bill Hollabaugh that such a committee be formed to improve hospitality and extend a personable atmosphere to new members. The Board unanimously approved the formation of this committee with its members being: Bob Pfenning, Bob Steelman, and Bill Hollabaugh.

CHURCH DATES: As per Bob Steelman, future meeting dates of LE-HI-HO at the church must be coordinated through the USE committee of the church.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES CHAIRPERSON: Due to the vacancy of this post created by the resignation of Ed Ettinger, Ken nominated Joe Burns to fill this post. The nomination was seconded by Bill Hollabaugh and unanimously passed by the Board.

COMMITTEE FOR INVOLVEMENT: After much discussion about the apparent lack of interest of our membership in the activities of the organization, the obvious misconceptions of gay people about LE-HI-HO and our image generally, it was motioned by Ken, seconded by Bob Steelman and unanimously passed by the Board that a committee should be formed to look into these areas and make recommendations for eventual and necessary action. Members of the committee are: Joe Burns, Bob Pfenning, Bill Hollabaugh and Bob Steelman. The committee agreed to report regularly on progress and recommendations.

HOT LINE: This item was finally dealt the death blow. In view of the fact that there are several hot lines in the Lehigh Valley area already, a duplicating effort in this respect would be both expensive and wasteful. It was suggested that we rather make available to those agencies already in existence, names of individuals in our organization who feel that they could do some peer counseling, if required. Also it was suggested that we compile a listing of organizations in the Lehigh Valley and submit to them information about our group. John Sipos agreed to provide us with such a listing.

SALE OF CHRISTOPHER STREET MAGAZINE AND PGN: LE-HI-HO is in a position to earn commissions on these types of magazines and newspapers sold. It was therefore suggested that a survey be made of the membership to determine who and how many people would be interested in these periodicals. If warranted, depending on the number of individuals interested, we would pursue this situation further with the publishing companies.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: November 16, 1976, at the residence of Roger Edelman at Bldg. 800, Apt. G, 2nd Floor, Mickley Run Apts., Whitehall, Pa.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Our gratitude goes to John Sipos and Michael Stambaugh for their hospitality and congeniality.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Helmut J. Baerwald

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